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Re: DOCKET NUMBER 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge the granting of the above listed Docket Number. This matter has gone on too long and for many reasons the slaughter of downed animals should be stopped.

The danger of bacterial contamination is certainly a risk, but the cruelties involved should not be tolerated in our U.S. They should be quickly put to death, not dragged or pulled unmercifully.

I, too, would like to ask why the USDA tolerates the abuse in the slaughter houses. Why are the animals not completely unconscious before being butchered or skinned. The word out is that the men working in the lines will lose their job if they don't move 'em on 'n out regardless. The thought of the agonizing sounds coming from these operations constantly haunts me. I talked with one young man recently who said he quit his job because this was absolutely true and he could not take it. What kind of nation are we to allow these tortures and turn our backs? These farms should have responsible people continually checking the methods to make sure death is quick and certain for these animals. Does it take another "Dateline: or "Primetime" hidden camera to get something done about these horrors?

Please take some action in the animals behalf! The narrow spaces the pigs are kept in are unbelievable, as well as all spaces in these damnable factory farms.

Thank you.

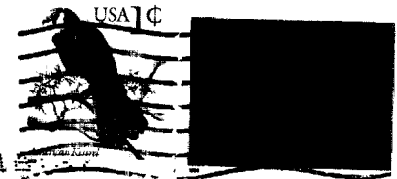
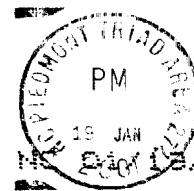
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